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"Let us then stand by the constitution as it
is, and by our country as it is, one, united,
and indivisible; let it be a truth engraved on
our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which
we rally in every emergency, that we have one
country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel
Webster.

Farm Home Burns.
The fine brick farm residence on the
Hal H. Smith farm east of this city
was destroyed by fire Saturday fore-
noon. The fire was discovered about
10 o'clock and despite all that was
done to save the house, the flames
made rapid headway and it is a total
loss. The house was occupied by Mr.
and Mrs. Mel Smith, tenants on the
farm.

School Children Donate.
The donation day scheme whereby
the children of the schools each
brought a potato, an apple or sim-
ilar fruit or vegetable was a great
success as the children gathered to-
gether nine bushels of these articles
for the use of the hospital. It is a
good thing for the hospital and also
a good thing for the children, as they
are taught the virtue of being gener-
ous and willing to assist a worthy
cause.

Displays Fine Window Sign.
Well, well, we notice that our Uncle
William Sandell, proprietor of the
famous 5 per cent bank down on West
Main street, has put up a new window
sign, in fact there are several smaller
signs which have been placed on the
window beneath the main and largest
one which retells the fact that the
Commercial bank pays 5 per cent on
deposits, with a big 5 at that. Uncle
William and his institution are known
the vicinity over having been in the
business here for more than 22 years
and they have always been right there
to help their friends or Uncle Sam in
a financial way. But the window,
with its splendid gold lettering pre-
sents a very attractive and handsome
appearance.

Took In the Sights.
We have often asked Brother Mar-
tin to write a letter for publication
in this paper, but to no avail, al-
though at a number of times we have
managed to get hold of some of his
writings and a few of his best crea-
tions in the literary line have ap-
peared in print in these columns. While
Mart had been away for some time
for Thanksgiving day, he took in some
of the sights in the east and visited
at the homes of some of our rich re-
latives. Incidentally he visited New
York and from there he mailed us the
following on a card: "New York, Nov.
30, 1918. Dear Brother Ed.: Am in
New York, but no news for the Belding
Banner. Am having a good time and
enjoy every minute. Will write
a letter for your paper on January
1, 1919. Mart." Well, here is hop-
ing that we will be here to publish
the letter which Mart will write in
that far distant time.

Obituary—John L. Reynolds.
John L. Reynolds, son of Charles
and Eleanor Reynolds who were early
pioneers of Ionia county, was born
June 19, 1849 in Easton township,
Ionia county and departed this life
Nov. 28, 1918, at his home in Belding
being 69 years, 5 months and 9 days
old. His childhood and young man-
hood was spent at the old home. He
was married to Comfort Jewell May
14, 1842 and lived near the old home.
They moved to Isabella county in
October, 1879, where they lived until
1907 when they moved to Belding,
where he had since resided. To this
union were born six children, two
children dying in their infancy and
the eldest daughter, Rebecca, who
died in 1905. His wife also preceded
him just seven months ago, dying
April 9, 1918. He leaves to mourn
his loss three daughters, Mrs. Ella
Gardner of Boyne City, Lulu Reynolds
of Belding and Mrs. Inez Leighton of
Blanchard, ten grandchildren, four
brothers, William and Richard of
Ionia, Delos of Beulah and Guy of
Kalamazoo and one sister, Mrs. Millie
Comner and a host of other relatives
and friends. He was well respected
by all who knew him. The funeral
was held at the home Saturday, Nov.
30, Rev. P. R. Norton officiating. He
was taken to Blanchard and laid to
rest beside his wife in the Blanchard
cemetery.

Good Sleighing Reported.
When Conductor Fred Sherry of
the evening train down from Big Rap-
ids swung off his train Monday even-
ing he looked around for the methods
of conveyance being used here and
then asked where all the sleighs were.
He said that at Big Rapids when the
train left that they were having good
sleighbing and that many sleighs were

out and enjoying the first fall of the
beautiful and that the sleighing was
pretty good.

Home For Thanksgiving.
Ernest Rummel and Bud Connell,
of Ann Arbor, where they are in train-
ing for army service, were home
guests for Thanksgiving day. Ernest
arrived home on the afternoon train
up from Ionia and Bud being met at
Ionia late Wednesday night and
brought home via the Ford way from
the county seat. Both boys are look-
ing as if army life agreed with them.

And the question arises whether it
will pay the French best to rebuild
their cities or leave them as they are
and charge the Americans ten francs
apiece to look at the work of the
Huns.

It will not be necessary to go to
France to secure souvenirs of the war
as our tax bills will supply that need
for some time to come.

"America's Answer," U. S. Govt.
war film at Empress Tuesday, Dec. 10.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Charles Reese, who left here for
Columbus Barracks, Ohio, about two
months ago, since which time he has
been quartered at that place, returned
home this morning having been must-
ered out of the army at Columbus on
Tuesday. Charley says that he has
a great plenty of army life.

R. A. Robinson of Detroit returned
home Tuesday after having visited at
the home of his daughter, Mrs. Am-
brose Spencer and family for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chapman of
Hart, returned to their home Monday
morning after having been called here
by the illness and subsequent death of
the former's father, Melvin A. Chap-
man.

Miss Anna Hollenbeck, who togeth-
er with Miss Lena Laframboise, the
latter better known as Miss Lena
Raspberry, returned from a trip and
stay at Hutchinson, Kansas, last week
and the former is now employed at
Willoughby's jewelry store. Miss
Laframboise is stopping with her sis-
ter, Mrs. Mat Connelly, at Grand Rap-
ids.

Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Harrison have
removed from the Dibble house at the
corner of Bridge and Division streets
and are now located in the Mrs. Purdy
house, on West Liberty street.

Mrs. Clayton Chapman returned
home Monday at noon after having
been in attendance at the funeral of
M. A. Chapman.

Wheeler Pond is thinking rather
strongly of advertising for another
wife and will undoubtedly use these
columns for that purpose in the near
future unless the flu lets up in our
neighboring city of Greenville and al-
lows of Mrs. Pond to cease her vigi-
lant care of her daughter, Mrs. Percy
Finch and the latter's small son, who
have both been afflicted with the epi-
demic. Mrs. Pond has been at her
daughter's several weeks and Wheeler
says it is commencing to get purty
lonesome, by gum.

Burt Gregg, Dr. F. D. Harrison and
Summer Wilson have each recently
purchased and are now the proud
possessors of some valuable dogfish,
the animals being just about as high
in the Airdale dog world as they can
be got without falling off the ladder.

FORMER EMPLOYE WRITES LETTERS OF BIG DRIVE

(Continued from Page Three)

I only eight letters and a card. I
have heard from all the gang both in
Greenville and Belding within the last
week.

This has been a fine day, but the
past month has been rather damp
and rainy.

Mr. Hogan must be some salesman
if he could sell that place at any
price. What are you going to do
and what has been done about the
horses.

Fred Barnes was on a pass yester-
day to a town not far away and he
saw Rob. Edsall, Wolf and Carpenter.
I suppose you have received the
picture by this time as the rest say
they have. Well, I am in better con-
dition than I was when that was taken.

Well, good luck to all. Yours,
Corp. E. F. Kinolin,
Co. A, 329 M. G. Bn., A. E. F., France.

Mrs. Orvie Foss is in receipt of the
following letter from her husband,
who was wounded while fighting at
the front in France during some of
the battles which pushed the Huns
back and made a decisive victory.
Somewhere in England.

My Dear Little Wife:
I will try and write a few lines to
you today as I am feeling pretty
well. I suppose you will be surpris-
ed to know that I am in the hospital
but you needn't worry a bit for I am
coming along fine and I go out doors
twice a day from 10 to 12 a. m. and
from 2 to 6 in the afternoon. I go
to the winter gardens every after-
noon where they serve the wounded
soldiers and sailors tea, a nice cup of
tea and bread and butter. There
are a lot of them here to serve, to
about 300 in the hospital I am in but
they are not all allowed to go out,
Tommy and Sammie. We ride
free on the street cars, go to shows
free and get smokes free.

I am in a British hospital and they
sure use fine linen.
This country is all towns I guess.
I haven't seen many farms yet and
things are odd and old fashioned.
We sure had a great time with the
English money the first I had a Tom-
my went with me and showed me how
to spend it. I would hold it in my
hand and he would pick it out for me
but I can count it pretty well now.

I haven't heard from any of you
yet but I hope to soon. I guess my
outfit is still in France.
Well, I can't think of any more to
write just now but will write more
next time. But I will say this much
the Yanks are doing their bit over
here and the Huns are getting their
medicine now.

Well, I will bring this letter to a
close hoping to hear from you soon,
and by the way it is going well to-
morrow. Tell all my friends I said
hello and those who cannot come over
to do their bit at home. Help the
Red Cross; they are helping us.

Well, don't worry for I am at a fine
place and having a good time and don't
think I will go to France or to the
front any more for the war will be
over soon. Don't worry.
From your loving husband,
Orvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klock have re-
ceived the following good letter from
their son, Orval Klock, who went over
seas and into action with the Ionia
company early in the war. Orval is
one of the few surviving members of
that company and we are all glad to
hear that he came through as well
as he did:

Oct. 23, 1918.
My Dear Parents:
Well, folks, I am back from the
line again now, safe and sound only
awfully dirty and lousy. I went 17
days without shaving, so you can
imagine what I looked like.
I am enclosing a slip which entitles
you to send me something for Christ-
mas, if you will. Now you can send
me what you want to, only don't go
to any trouble about anything. But
for one thing, if you will, I would
like a good jackknife and, I wonder if
it would be safe to send my watch?
This one is getting so it don't run
good any more. I would like a few
Hershey bars, a couple of handker-
chiefs, and you know, folks, anything
from home.

Well, Mother, tomorrow is your
birthday and I would sure like to be
with you, but I am with you in
thought anyway and I only hope that
I can be with you your next birthday.
I am enclosing a little poem which I
thought was pretty good and it home
is about right, too. (This poem ap-
pears on another page of this issue.)
I am feeling fine now only I think
I was gassed a little the way I feel.
We are in hopes that we are going
back for a rest now and it is about
time. We have done a lot of fighting
in the last five months and we are all
tired out now. Some of the fellows
are getting seven days' furlough and
I hope to get one after awhile.

We are having pretty rainy weather
now and the nights are chilly to be
sleeping out of doors, but I am in
hopes that this winter will end it all
and I may return home again. Be-
lieve me, folks, home is a sweet place.
I got a bunch of papers again today.
I had one pretty close call this
time at the front. A big shell came
over and exploded so close to me that
the dirt and stuff buried me but it
didn't hurt me at all, only made me
deaf for a few hours. You asked
me to tell you more about war ex-
periences, well I could tell you a lot,
but I don't know where to start.
In this last drive, I could tell you about
sleeping in a shell hole all night and
when I got up in the morning, I was
lying in three inches of mud and
water, but that is a little thing to
think of in a big drive like this one.
I'll tell you, folks, a man can't ex-
plain how he feels up on the front
and when he goes over the top and
when you're moving forward in a bar-
rage and see on all sides of you some
one killed or blown to pieces, and you
want to turn back, but instead you
keep advancing and you don't know
but the next one has your number on,
well, all I can say is, that war is hell
in its worst form.

I have always thought I was com-
ing back, but of course one don't
know, but if it be my lot to return,
then you can figure on one more place
at the family table for a long time,
because I have travelled and bummed
around now just long enough to know
what a good feed, home and parents
mean.

In one of these drives, a German
wanted to surrender and couldn't find
anything white to wave, so he took off

his outside pants and surrendered in
his underdrawers. They like to sur-
render and are tickled to death when
they are taken prisoners.

Yesterday, I got some flour from
the kitchen and made some pancakes
but nothing like the ones you used to
bake for me at home.

Ben Longan is not wounded but is
away to school now. Ken Oberlin
was not wounded and is feeling fine
and dandy.

Yesterday we were given a shower
bath and a complete change of cloth-
ing. The first we had had in three
months.

Well, folks, write often and don't
worry when you don't hear from me.

regular, because this is a fighting di-
vision and when you don't hear regu-
larly you can generally figure we are
at the front and no chance to write
when you're up there.

Hoping for your good health and
happiness, I am as ever, your loving
son and brother,
Orville.

Clair Obetts of Camp Custer re-
turned there after spending Thanks-
giving with his wife in this city.

"The Light in the Clearing."
Mrs. George Fricke, of Flint, return-
ed to her home this morning after a
visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
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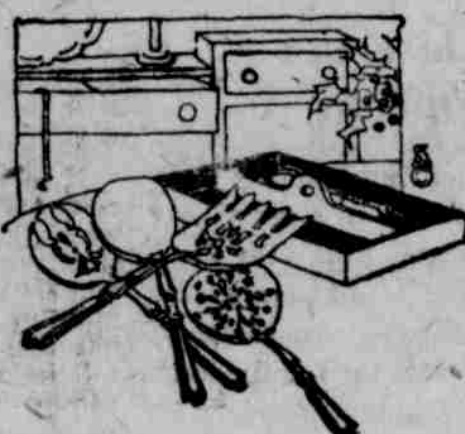
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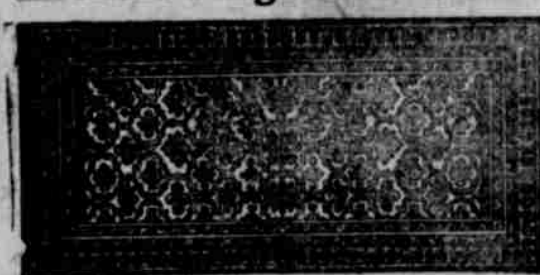
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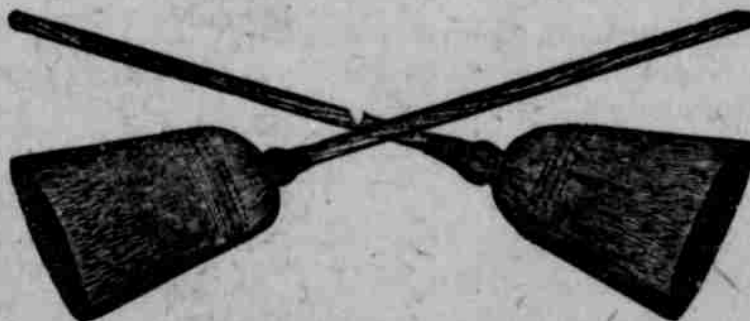
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